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REPORT NO.1. Current Government Contracts

The following contracts are at present being undertaken by the Sesto San Giovanni factory of Breda in behalf of the Italian Government:

- a. The construction of forty electric locomotives, type 424, for the State railways.
- b. The repair of forty steam locomotives of various types.
- c. The construction of eight hundred railway trucks for the State railways.
- d. The constructions of two modern electric trains for the State railways.
- e. Fifty railway carriages for the State railways.
- f. Spare parts of various types for the State railways.

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2. Items Currently Produced in Section One

- a. Three hundred agricultural tractors are under construction, and one hundred of these have already been completed.
- b. Forty electric locomotives type 424 being produced at the rate of two per month. Type 424 is a new model operating on A.C. current with two bogies, four driven axles and four motors of 500 h.p. each.
- c. Three transformers for France.
- d. One large machine installation for the Falk Steel works.
- e. Electric locomotives of all types including the following:

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- (1) Type 428 with twin bogies, four driven axles and eight D.C. electric motors each of 500 h.p.
  - (2) Type 626 with twin bogies, three driven axles and six electric D.C. motors of 500 h.p. each.
  - (3) Type 550 and 551 with indirect drive and two A.C. motors of 1000 h.p. each.
- f. Steam locomotives. Facilities are available for the construction of all types, but at the moment only repair work is in progress.
  - g. Breda steam rollers. Fifty of these have been ordered by Poland and others are under construction.
  - h. Agricultural tractors. These are either Diesel or internal combustion engines, ranging from 50 to 80 h.p.
  - i. Industrial machinery. Under this heading are constructed industrial installations of all kinds. The component parts are manufactured in Section One and are assembled in Section Three.
  - j. The construction of both Breda and Bacuc boilers, many of which have been ordered for the home market.
  - k. Electric transformers. Three high powered transformers are being constructed for France and an additional three for the home market.
  - l. Electric alternators. Four high power alternators are being constructed for the home market.
  - m. Equipment for electric power stations.
  - n. Starting motors for trucks and aircraft. At the present date five hundred of these are under construction for Bosch.

3. Section Two:

The activities of this section are virtually at a standstill owing to lack of raw materials.

4. Section Three:

This Section is presently engaged in the construction of "freight cars" and spare parts for the State railways.

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5. Section Four:

This Section is engaged in the construction of three hundred streetcar engines for the Milan municipal street railways, about six of which are produced each month. In addition, work is in progress on eight hundred railway trucks for the State railways, and these are being turned out at the rate of twenty per month. The production of both the above items is greatly impeded by a lack of ancillary components, in particular that of axles and axle sleeves which should be produced by Section three, but which are impeded by lack of raw materials.

6. Section Five:

Two four engined aircraft of a new design were under construction for the Argentine, but this has now been suspended.

7. Number of Employees

At the present time there is a total of twelve thousand persons employed in the works.

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